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SUBJECT: GAO INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS PROGRAM

REF: A) PARIS 27272 B) USIA 20875

BEGIN SUMMARY

1. AS INDICATED REF A, GAO TEAM VISITED PARIS TO REVIEW
NARCOTICS COUNTRY ACTION PLANS OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 2. TEAM
APPARENTLY PLANNING TO VISIT ALL INFO ADDRESSEES. NO PAR-
TICULAR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED. END SUMMARY

2. EMBASSY FURNISHED COPIES OF 1972 AND 1973 NCAPS, INCLUDING
FUNDING ANNEX, AND OTHER TRAFFIC RELATED TO EMBASSY PLANNING.
SPECIFIC LIST SET FORTH BELOW. GAO DID NOT ASK TO LOOK THROUGH
FILES OF EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, BUT DID REVIEW DEA
FILES. USIS FURNISHING NARCOTICS RELATED PARTS OF 1972 AND 1973
COUNTRY PROGRAM MEMORANDA AFTER CLEARANCE FROM WASHINGTON (REF B).

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3. GAO TEAM TOOK COPIES OF FOLLOWING CABLES: STATE 206403 OF

NOV 12, 1971; STATE 034757 OF MARCH 1, 1972; PARIS 19096
OCTOBER 6, 1972; STATE 230979 OF DEC 22, 1972; STATE 013348
OF JAN 24, 1973; PARIS 10561 OF APRIL 16, 1973; PARIS 16544 OF
JUNE 15, 1973; STATE 160296 OF AUGUST 14, 1973; STATE 190626
OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1973; PARIS 26799 OF OCTOBER 14, 1973.

4. ALSO TOOK EMBASSY PARIS INTERNAL MEMORANDUM TO EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT TO AMBASSADOR FROM POL COUNSELOR RE PLEA BARGAINING
DATED JUNE 22, 1972.

5. GAO QUESTIONS TO EMBASSY CENTERED ON USEFULNESS OF
NCAP AS PLANNING, MANAGEMENT OR EVALUATION TOOL, AND ON
MECHANICS, ROLE AND USEFULNESS OF EMBASSY COORDINATION OF
NARCOTICS EFFORT. EMBASSY RESPONSE EMPHASIZED INFORMAL,
PRACTICAL, SPECIFIC ACTION-ORIENTED (AS OPPOSED TO FORMAL,
THEORETICAL, OR PROPAGANDA-ORIENTED) NATURE OF EMBASSY
COORDINATION AND OF FOREIGN SERVICE PARTICIPATION IN
NARCOTICS EFFORT AT CURRENT TIME. MADE CLEAR NARCOTICS EFFORT
HERE NOW ALMOST ENTIRELY IN HANDS OF DEA, WITH LIMITED SUPPORT
FROM REST OF EMBASSY AS REQUIRED. GAO SEEMED TO ACCEPT
EMBASSY APPROACH AND RATIONALE.

6. GAO INTERESTED IN ATTEMPT TO MEASURE GROWTH AND DECLINE OF
TOTAL EMBASSY EFFORT (AS OPPOSED TO DEA EFFORT) DURING CYCLE OF
AIDING IN BUILDING EFFECTIVE DRUG-CONTROL PROGRAM IN HOST
COUNTRY. WILL NO DOUBT PURSUE THIS THEME AT OTHER POSTS.
EMBASSY TRIED TO ESTIMATE TIME AND EXPENSE OF THIS EFFORT
FOR FY 72 THRU FY 74. COPY OF ESTIMATE GIVEN GAO BEING SENT
BY LETTER TO EUR/WE.

7. GAO ALSO SPOKE TO SCIENCE COUNSELOR RE PAST AND PRESENT
EMBASSY EFFORTS TO APPLY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DRUG
ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. SEEMED INTERESTED IN SCI EFFORTS
(1) TO GAIN TECHNICAL UNDERSTANDING OF CLANDESTINE HEROIN
PRODUCTION PROCESS AND (2) TO CATALYZE AND SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT
OF APPROPRIATE U.S. AND FRENCH TECHNOLOGICAL METHODOLOGIES
FOR LAB DETECTION, PARTICULARLY IN SPECIAL SETTING AND CON-
DITIONS OF MARSEILLE AREA. SCI EFFORTS TO MONITOR MEDICINAL
OPIATE AND SYNTHETIC-OPIATE PRODUCTION AND CONTROL, SCI
LIAISON WITH FRENCH HEALTH OFFICIALS, AND SCI SUPPORT OF
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RECENTLY CONCLUDED INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
CONFERENCE ON NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS WERE CITED TO
GAO AS EXAMPLES OF VITAL ROLE SCI OFFICE PLAYS IN OVERALL
EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT. SCI ATT IS FURNISHING GAO
FOR POSSIBLE USE IN THEIR REPORT PICTURES AND REPORTS ON
HEROIN LABORATORIES, INCLUDING COPY OF DEA "DRUG
ENFORCEMENT" (VOL. I, NO. 1, 1973) ARTICLE ON LABORATORIES,
PARIS 14250 (JULY 25, 1972) AND PARIS 12960.

8. AT DEA, GAO ALSO INQUIRED AS TO MATERIAL AID FURNISHED
HOST GOVERNMENT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES; WHETHER SUCCESS OF
HOST GOVERNMENT DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS PROVIDED YARDSTICK
TO MEASURE DEA PERFORMANCE; DEA G-DEP PROGRAM; DRUG TRAFFIC
PATTERNS AND TRENDS, AND DEA PLANS AND OBJECTIVES IN LIGHT
THEREOF.

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